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SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG

THE BLUE BLUR

FIGHT
NIGHT



VS

TOUCH ME
AND I'LL
SUE!



SHADOW

THE HEDGEHOG

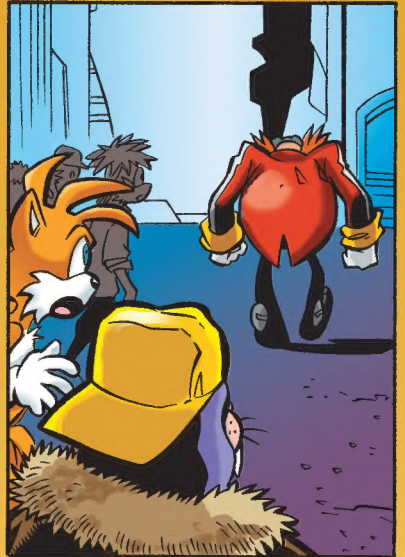
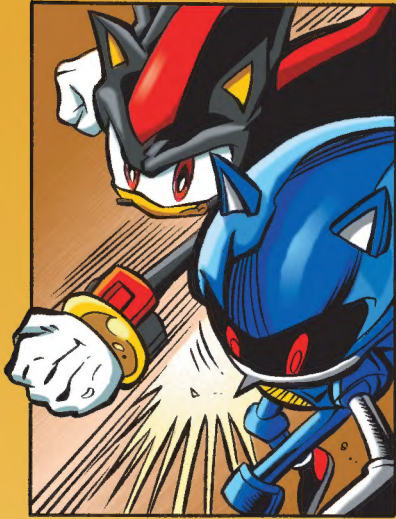
THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM



INVESTIGATING THE LABORATORY WHERE HIS CREATOR DR. GERALD WAS ONCE HELD PRISONER, SHADOW DISCOVERED METAL SONIC DOING LIKewise, THE REINTRODUCTION DIDN'T GO WELL...

WHEN METAL SONIC FOUND HIMSELF ON THE LOSING END, HE FIRED A HIGH-ENERGY WEAPON WHICH EXPLODED IN ITS HAND, LEAVING THE COMBATANTS DAMAGED, UNCONSCIOUS, AND READY TO BE HAULED AWAY BY MECHA, "DAUGHTER" OF DOCTOR GERALD'S DESCENDANT, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...

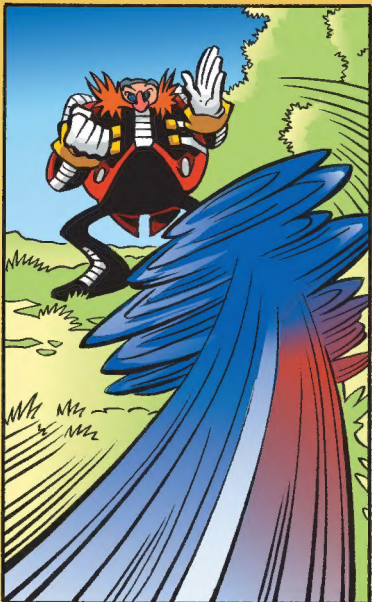
MEANWHILE, OVER IN KNOTHOLE, EVERYONE WAS IN AN UPROAR OVER THE UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF THE LAST PERSON THEY COULD IMAGINE WALKING AMONG THEM...



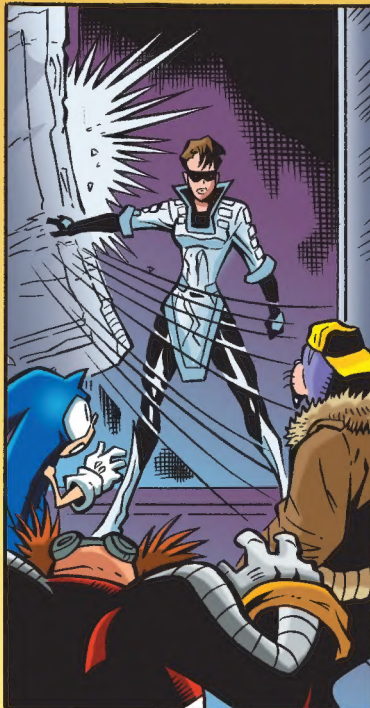
WHEN THE VILLAINOUS ROBOTNIK SHOWED UP ON SONIC'S DOORSTEP, THE BLUE BLUR'S REACTION WAS BOTH SPONTANEOUS AND PREDICTABLE--

UPON ARRIVING AT ROBOTNIK'S BASE OF OPERATIONS, SONIC AND COMPANY FOUND THEMSELVES UNDER ATTACK BY MECHA--

--WHO BLOCKED ROBOTNIK'S ESCAPE WHILE AN ARMY OF METAL SONICS SURROUNDED HIM, AS SONIC AND ROTOR LAY NEARBY, UNCONSCIOUS...



--UNTIL HE LEARNED WHY HIS GREATEST NEMESIS HAD COME TO HIM...



SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

SYSTEM RECONFIGURATION

MY MASTER IS NOW IN CONTROL!

...HAS NOW COMMENCED...

YOU MEAN OTHER THAN ME? WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

A.D.A.M.-- OVERRIDE SYSTEM MECHA!

A.D.A.M.?

A.D.A.M.!!!

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CONFOUND IT! THEIR PROGRAMMING MUST BE SCRAMBLED BY AN OUTSIDE SOURCE!

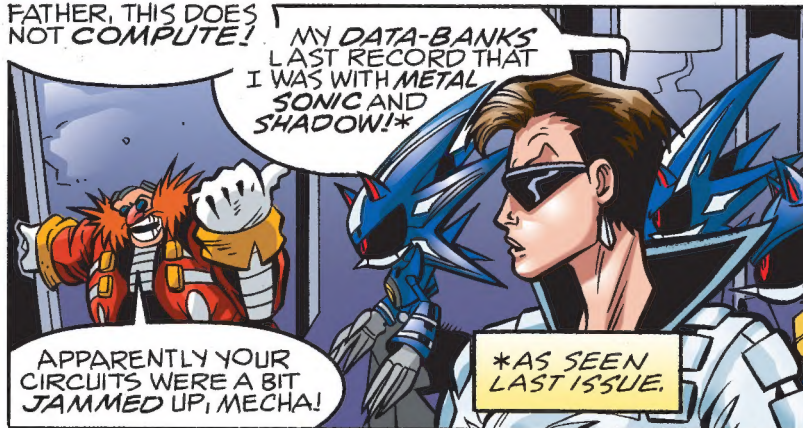
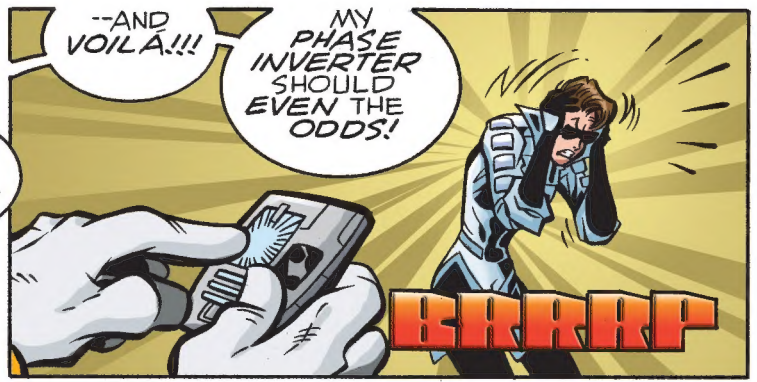
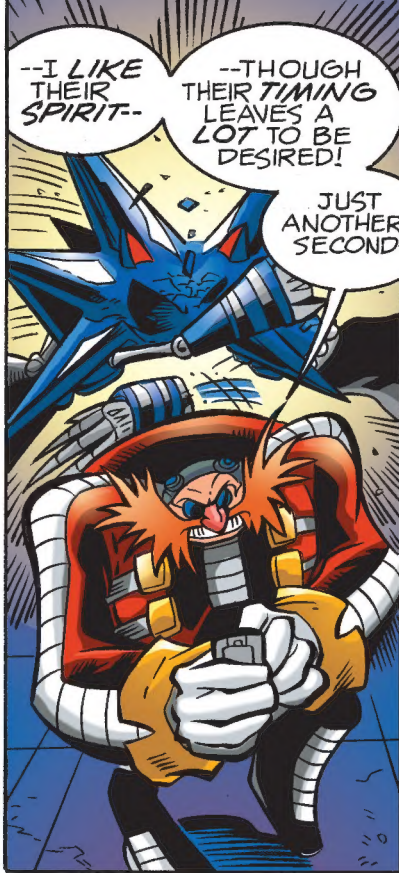
SEEMS LIKE SNIVELY* HAS GIVEN THE RODENTS THE KEYS TO MY EMPIRE!

CRUSH-- KILL!

--DESTROY!!!

*SNIVELY IS ROBOTNIK'S NEPHEW, AND HAS JOINED WITH SONIC IN SONIC #152.

AS FOR THESE PIRATED KNOCK-OFFS, CONSIDERING I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THEIR CONSTRUCTION--



WELL, CERTAINLY NOT THAT BUSTED-UP PIECE OF WRECKAGE THAT'S LYING NEXT TO HIM!

NOW GET US OUT OF HERE, MECHA--

"--AS A.D.A.M. IS NOT RESPONDING TO MY SIGNALS!!!"

YOU KNOW, THERE ARE DAYS--

--WHEN IT JUST DOESN'T PAY TO GET OUT OF BED!

LIKE-- WHAT WAS I THINKING IN COMING HERE?

WHOA --!!!

METAL SONICS!!! AN ARMY OF 'EM!!!

OH! ROBO-BUTT'S REALLY INTO OVERKILL, ISN'T HE?

OH, MY!

I MAY LIKE THE DESIGN--

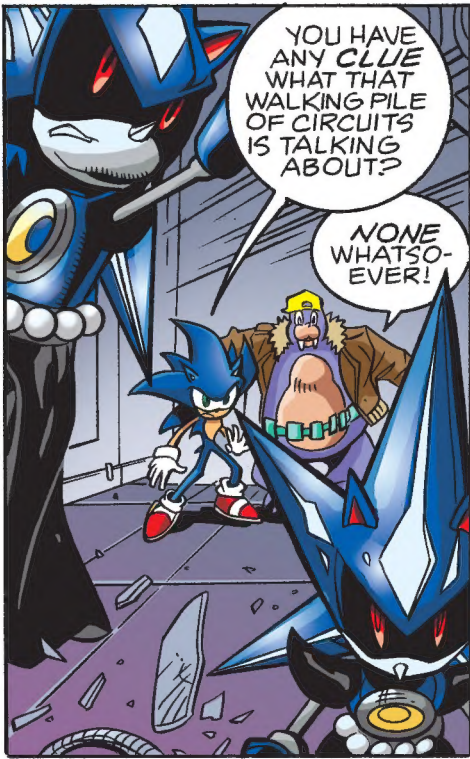
--BUT I CAN'T LET YOU GUYS RUN WILD!

HOLD, TROOPER SEVEN!

YOU ARE ADDRESSING MODEL ONE!

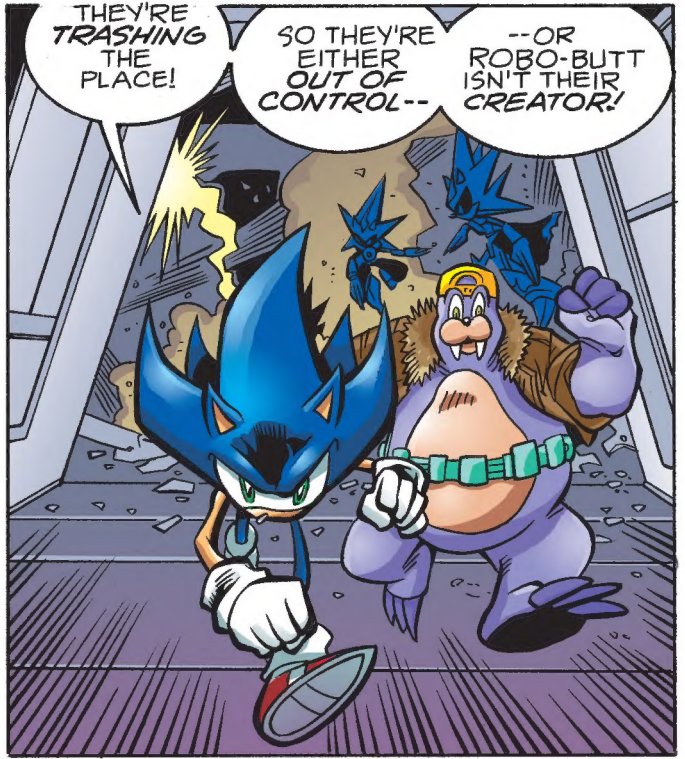
MY SENSORS INDICATE YOU ARE BIOLOGICAL!

"MODEL ONE"?



YOU HAVE ANY **CLUE** WHAT THAT WALKING PILE OF CIRCUITS IS TALKING ABOUT?

NONE WHATSOEVER!



THEY'RE **TRASHING** THE PLACE!

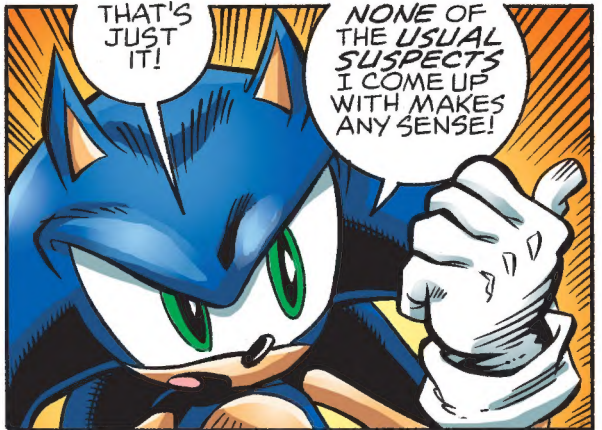
SO THEY'RE EITHER **OUT OF CONTROL**--

--OR **ROBO-BUTT** ISN'T THEIR **CREATOR!**



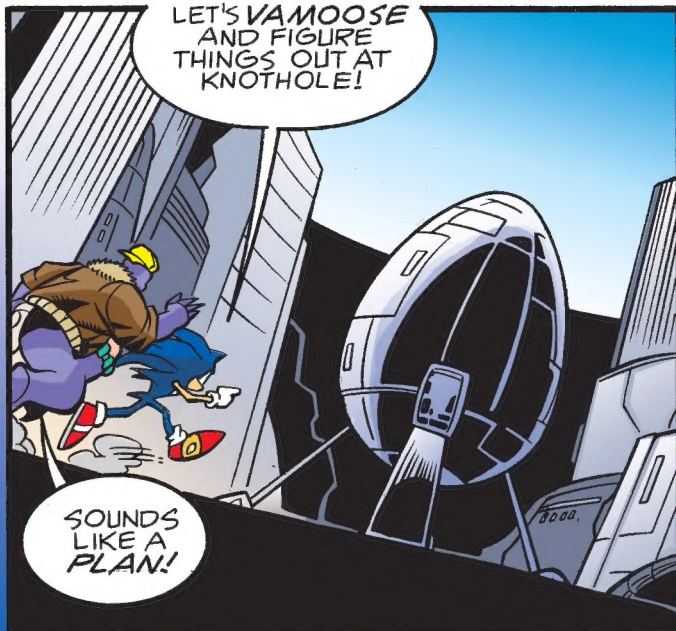
WHO COULD **POSSIBLY** BUILD THEM IF NOT **ROBOTNIK**?

LIKE THAT'S A **LONG LIST!**



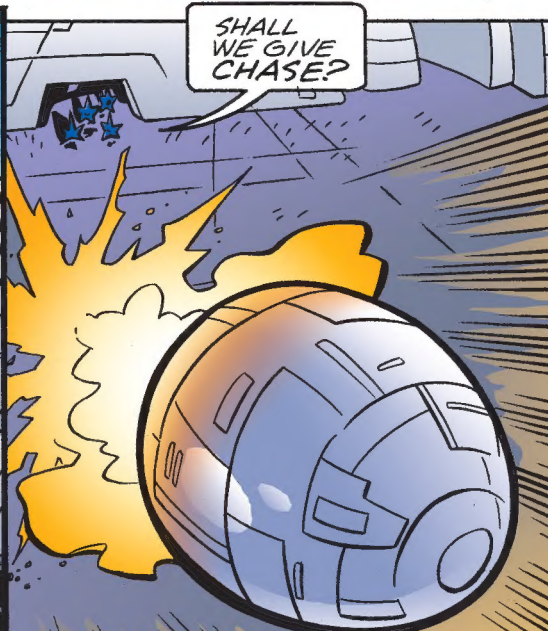
THAT'S JUST IT!

NONE OF THE **USUAL SUSPECTS** I COME UP WITH MAKES ANY SENSE!



LET'S **VAMOOS**E AND FIGURE THINGS OUT AT **KNOTHOLE!**

SOUNDS LIKE A **PLAN!**

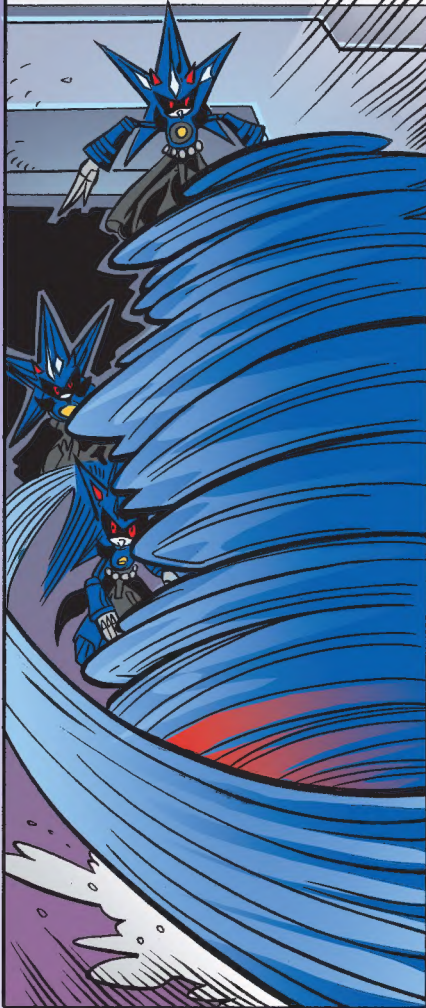


SHALL WE GIVE **CHASE?**

NEGATIVE!

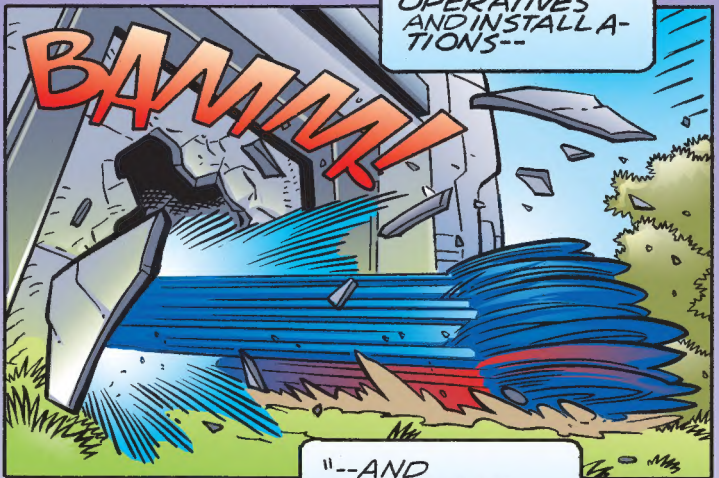
MY SENSORS
DETECT NEITHER
OUR OBJECTIVE
NOR HIS CREA-
TIONS WITHIN
THE POD!

THEREFORE, WE
WILL PROCEED AS
OUTLINED IN OUR
MISSION
PARAMETERS--

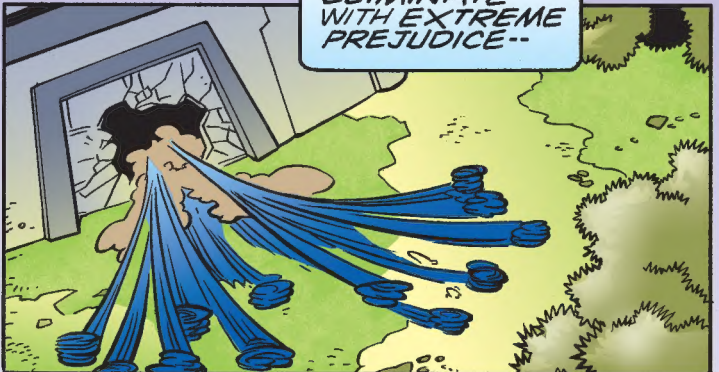


"--TO SEEK THE
BIOLOGICAL
ENTITY KNOWN
AS IVO
ROBOTNIK--

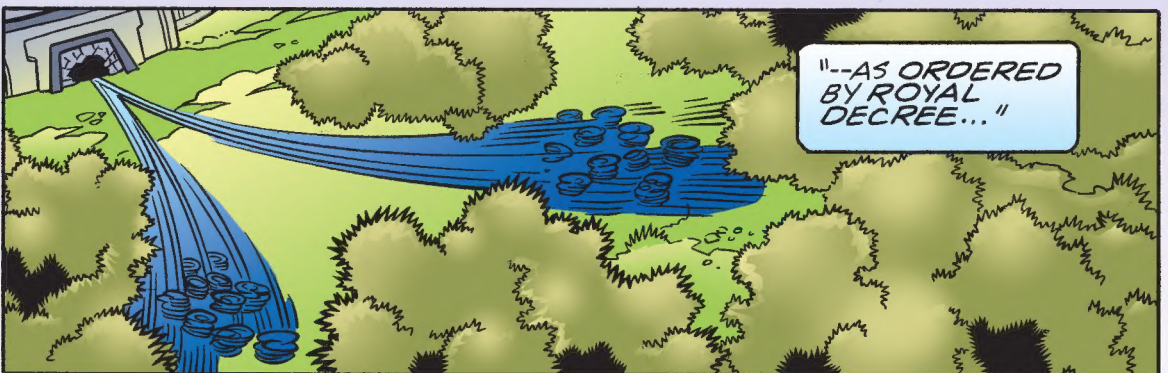
"--ALONG WITH
ANY AND ALL
OPERATIVES
AND INSTAL-
TIONS--



"--AND
ELIMINATE
WITH EXTREME
PREJUDICE--



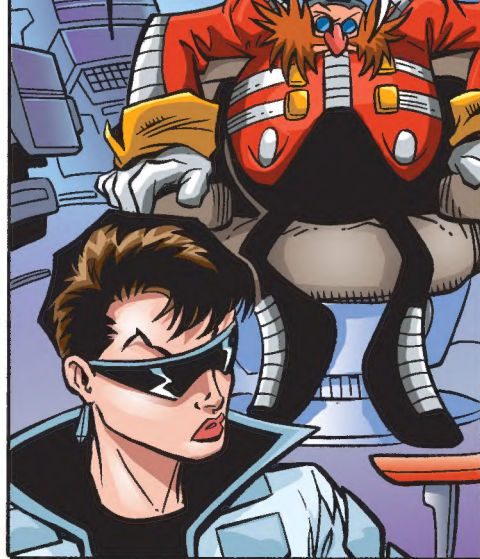
"--AS ORDERED
BY ROYAL
DECREE..."



--THREE--TWO--
ONE--FILES
ARE NOW
DOWNLOADED,
FATHER--



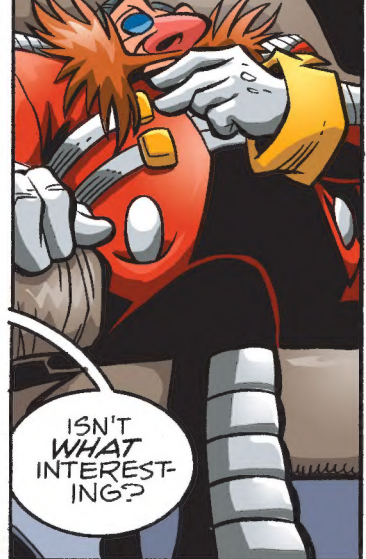
--AND READY
FOR YOU TO
ACCESS
THEM!



EXCELLENT,
MECHA!

IT'S ABOUT
TIME SOME-
THING WENT
RIGHT FOR
A CHANGE!

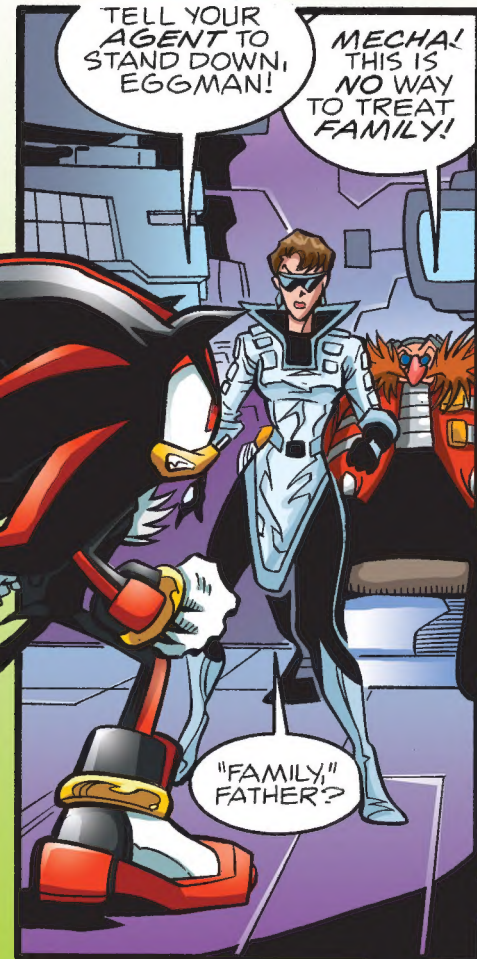
WELL, NOW...
ISN'T *THIS*
INTERESTING!



ISN'T
WHAT
INTEREST-
ING?

TELL YOUR
AGENT TO
STAND DOWN,
EGGMAN!

MECHA!
THIS IS
NO WAY
TO TREAT
FAMILY!



"FAMILY,"
FATHER?

I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND!

NOR
DO I!



I FIND IT AMAZING
THAT, AS A *SENTIENT*
BEING, YOU FAIL TO SEE
THE *FAMILY*
RESEMBLANCE!

WE ARE
NOTHING
ALIKE!

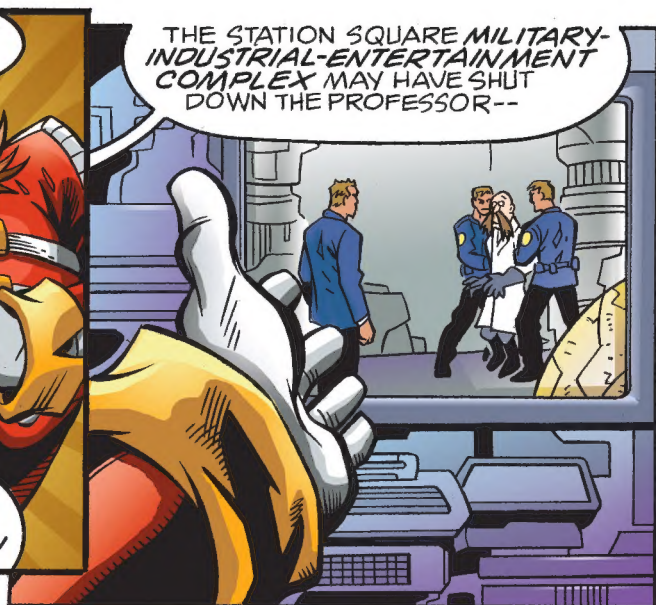
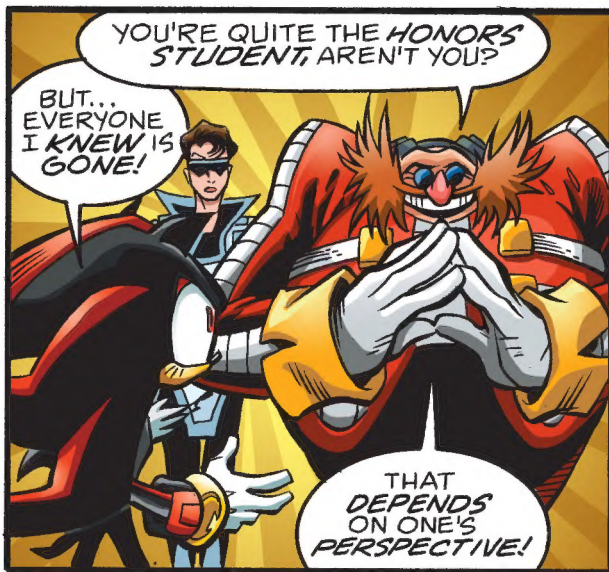
NOT
"US,"
YOU
CRETIN!

I'M
TALKING
ABOUT MY
GRAND-
FATHER--

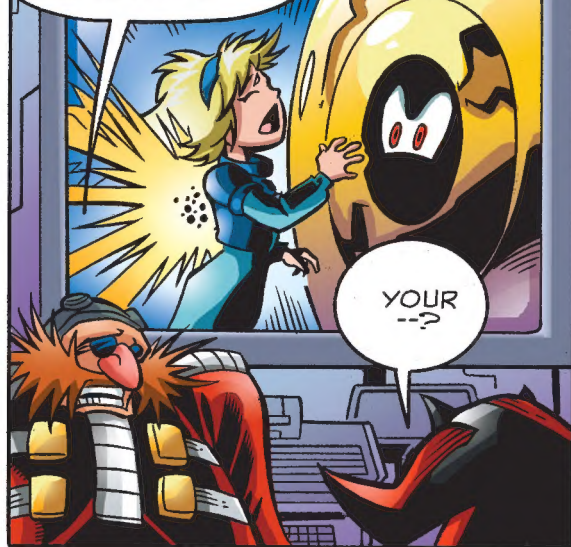
--YOUR
CREATOR!



P-PRO-
FESSOR
GERALD
?!



--AND TRAGICALLY CUT DOWN MY *HALF-SISTER* IN THE PRIME OF HER LIFE--



OF COURSE, I WAS ONLY AN *INFANT* AT THE TIME!



THAT WOULD BE *AGREEABLE--*



"HOW ABOUT LEARNING WHO CREATED THOSE METAL SONICS--AND WHY?"

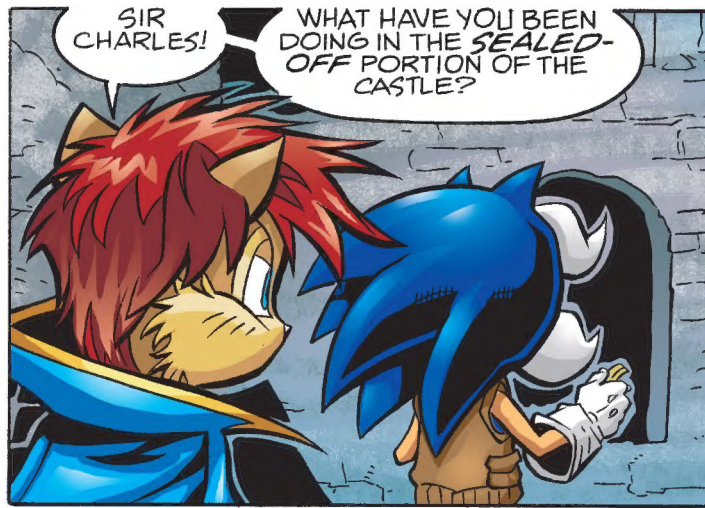
SIR CHARLES?
I WAS TOLD YOU
NEEDED TO
SEE ME!

WHAT
THE DEVIL
COULD BE SO
IMPORTANT
DOWN HERE?

SIR
CHARLES
!!!

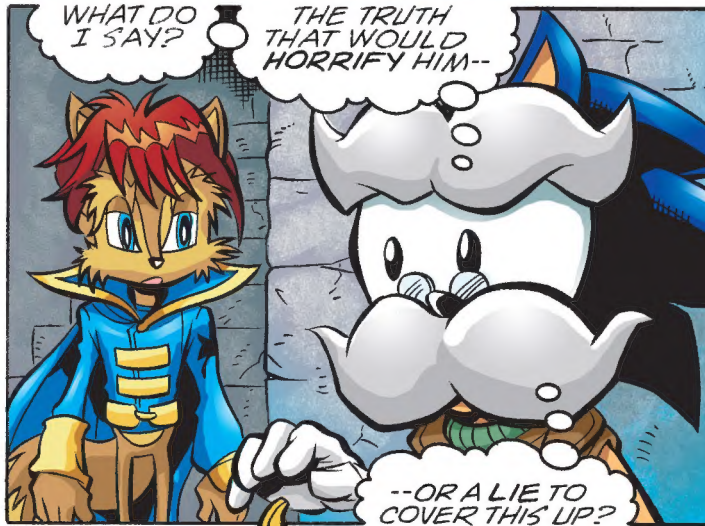
MY WORST
FEARS
REALIZED--

--AND KING
ELIAS HAS NO
IDEA WHAT HE'S
STUMBLERD ONTO!



SIR
CHARLES!

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN
DOING IN THE SEALED-
OFF PORTION OF THE
CASTLE?



WHAT DO
I SAY?

THE TRUTH
THAT WOULD
HORRIFY HIM--

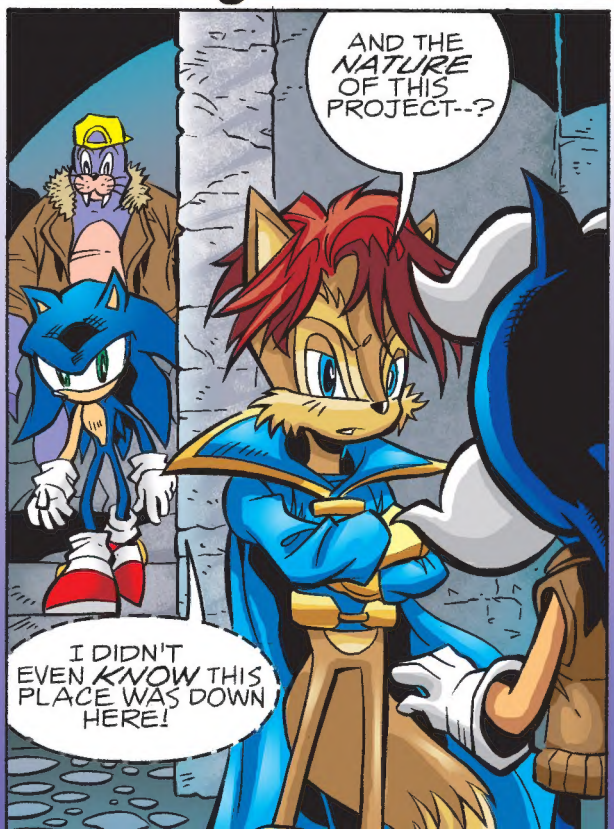
--OR A LIE TO
COVER THIS UP?



I
...AH...
A--

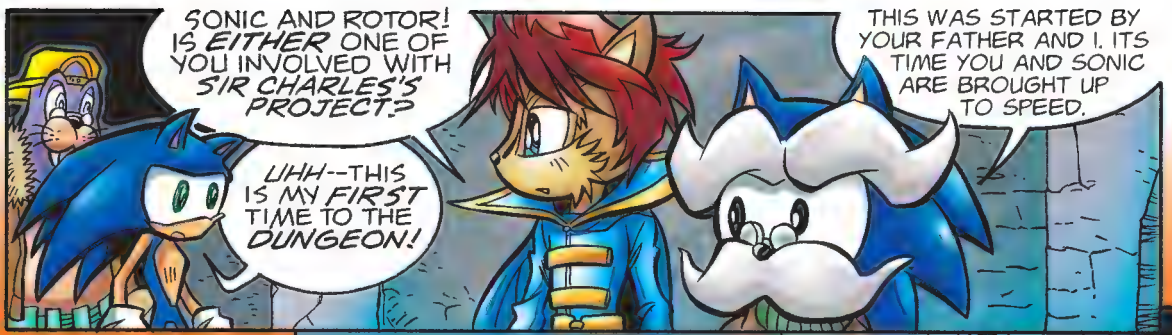
A SPECIAL
PROJECT CONCEIVED
BEFORE YOU CAME TO
POWER APPARENTLY
HAS BEEN
ACTIVATED--

--AND MAY
BE OUT OF
CONTROL!



AND THE
NATURE
OF THIS
PROJECT--?

I DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW THIS
PLACE WAS DOWN
HERE!



SONIC AND ROTOR!
IS EITHER ONE OF
YOU INVOLVED WITH
SIR CHARLES'S
PROJECT?

THIS WAS STARTED BY
YOUR FATHER AND I. ITS
TIME YOU AND SONIC
ARE BROUGHT UP
TO SPEED.

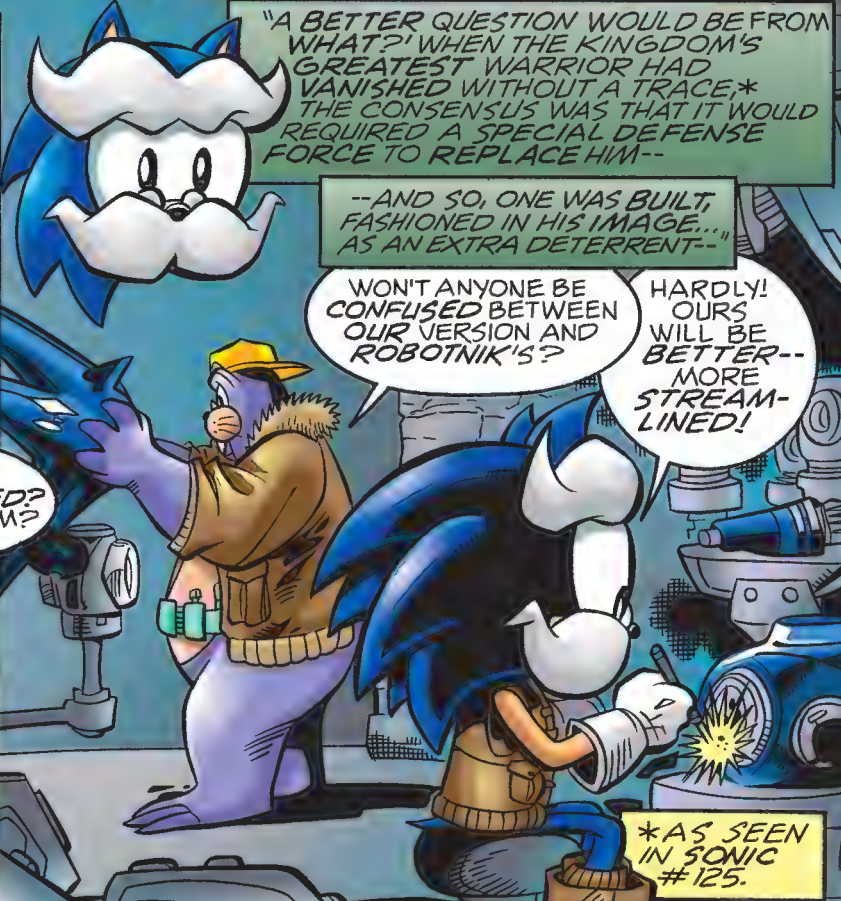
UHH--THIS
IS MY FIRST
TIME TO THE
DUNGEON!



SONIC AND ROTOR ARE
HERE BECAUSE I SENT
FOR THEM, AS THIS CONCERNS
KINGDOM
SECURITY!

THE
KINGDOM...

...STANDS
THREATENED?
FROM WHOM?



"A BETTER QUESTION WOULD BE FROM
WHAT?' WHEN THE KINGDOM'S
GREATEST WARRIOR HAD
VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE,*
THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT IT WOULD
REQUIRED A SPECIAL DEFENSE
FORCE TO REPLACE HIM--

--AND SO, ONE WAS BUILT,
FASHIONED IN HIS IMAGE..."
AS AN EXTRA DETERRENT--

WON'T ANYONE BE
CONFUSED BETWEEN
OUR VERSION AND
ROBOTNIK'S?

HARDLY!
OURS
WILL BE
BETTER--
MORE
STREAM-
LINED!

*AS SEEN
IN SONIC
#125.



"--BUT UPON SONIC'S
RETURN, THE PROJECT
WAS DEEMED UNNECESSARY
AND EVENTUALLY
ABANDONED."

THIS IS ONE GENIE
I'M GLAD WE DIDN'T
LET OUT OF THE
BOTTLE!

SHUTDOWN
IN PROGRESS

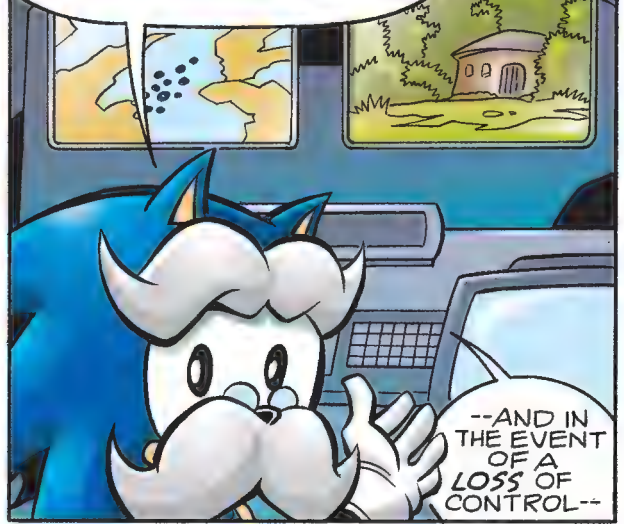
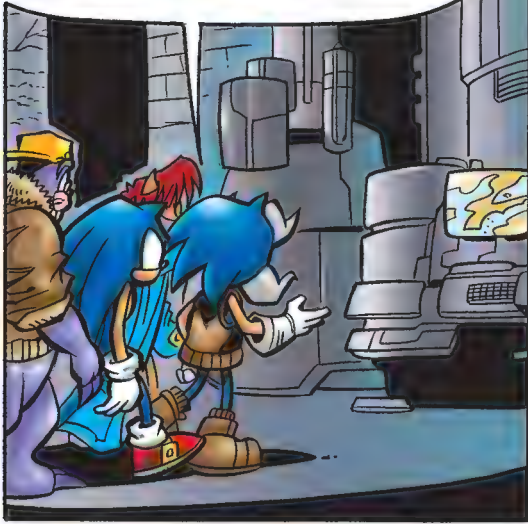


IF YOU SECURED THE
DEFENSE FORCE, THEN
WHERE IS IT?

A GOOD
QUESTION--

ANTICIPATING THE AWESOME POWER WE WOULD BE UNLEASHING, SEVERAL FAIL-SAFES WERE INSTALLED AS A PRECAUTION!

THE LATEST IN FIBER-OPTIC TECHNOLOGY WAS UTILIZED TO ALLOW FOR TRACKING AND VISUAL MONITORING--

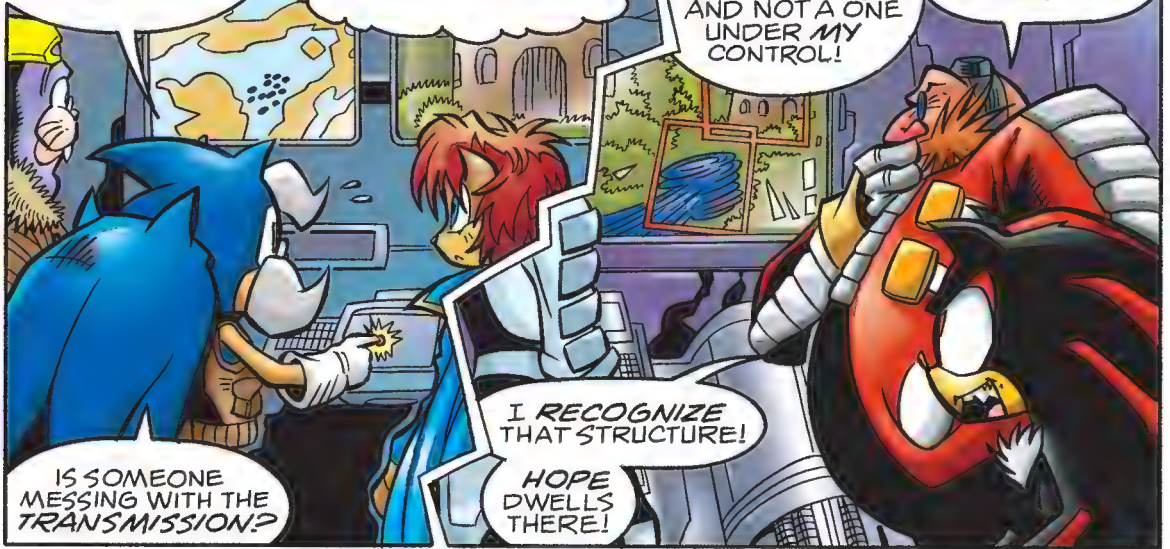


--THE MEANS TO ABORT THEIR OPERATION!

OH, DEAR! THEY'RE NOT RECEIVING THE SIGNAL!

A SWARM OF METAL SONICS AND NOT A ONE UNDER MY CONTROL!

HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?



IS SOMEONE MESSING WITH THE TRANSMISSION?

I RECOGNIZE THAT STRUCTURE!

HOPE DWELLS THERE!

NOT FOR MUCH LONGER!

IN FACT, I RATE ANYONE'S CHANCES OF EVEN SURVIVING THAT ONSLAUGHT AS--

--SLIM TO NONE!

YOU MAY BE UNABLE TO ACT--



--BUT I CAN!

AS LONG AS HOPE LIVES--



"--HOPE WILL ENDURE!!"

GOTTA JUICE TO THE MAX!

NOT AGAIN! NOT THIS TIME!

THOUGH I FAILED TO SAVE MARIA,* I WON'T REPEAT THAT MISTAKE WITH HOPE!

*SEE SONIC # 98 AND # 145.

NOT THIS TIME!

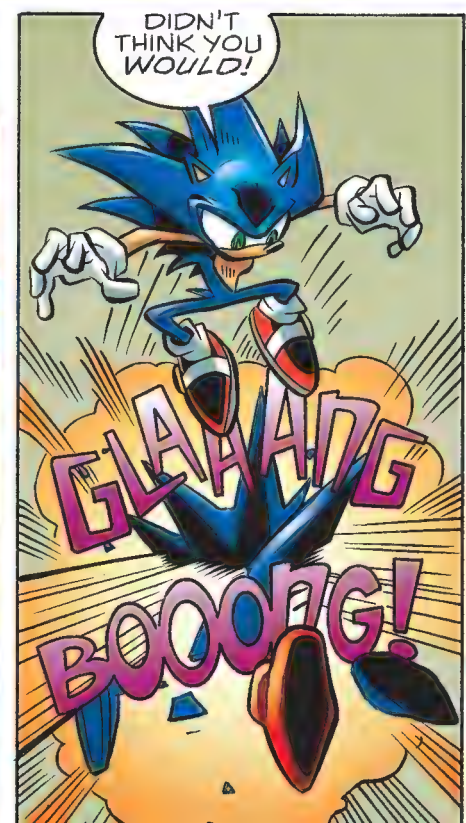
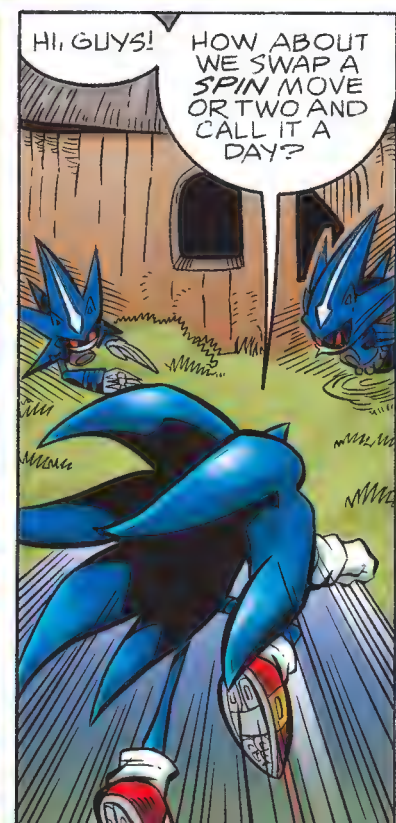
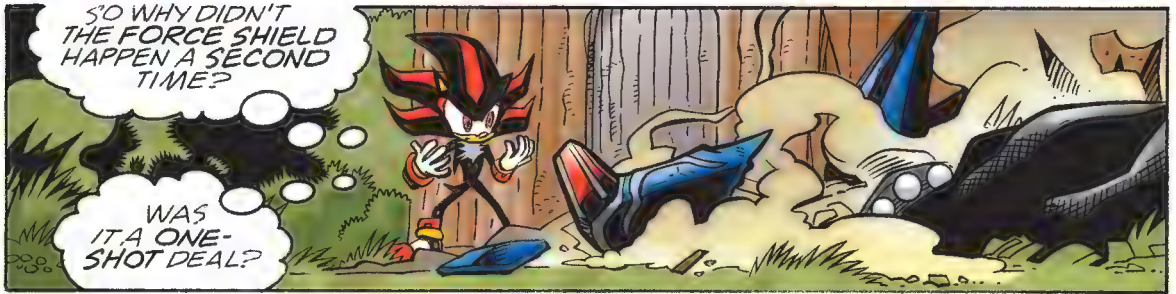
THWUUM

THWNNAM

HOW DID I DO THAT?

OOF!

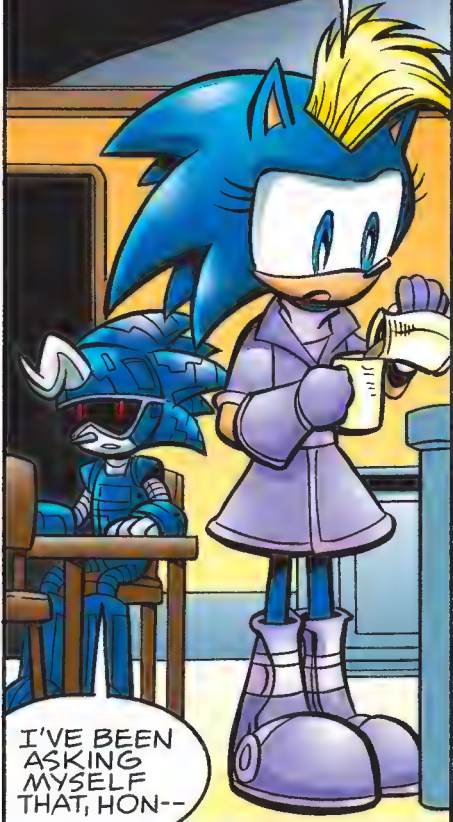
BHAM!!!



"I'VE GOTTA FIND MY UNC
A HOBBY TO KEEP HIM
OUTSIDE HIS LAB."

WHAT KIND OF
PARENTS ARE
WE, JULES--

--LETTING
OUR SON GO
OFF WITH
THAT
HORRIBLE
MAN?!



I'VE BEEN
ASKING
MYSELF
THAT, HON--

OUR SON HAS
GROWN UP,
AND WE--



--BUT THE REALITY
IS... OUR SON HAS HAD
MORE EXPERIENCE
IN DEALING WITH
ROBOTNIK THAN
WE HAVE!

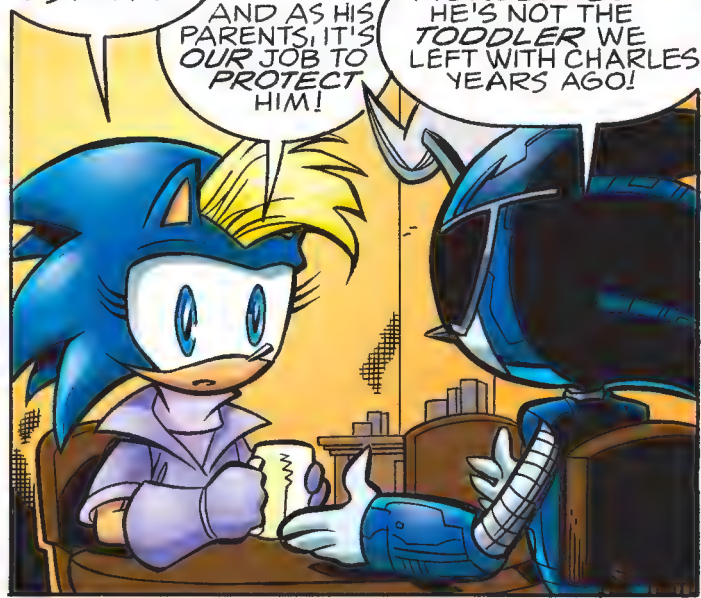
SONIC HAS PLAYED
AN IMPORTANT PART
IN SAVING US FROM
THAT TYRANT!



IT'S
DIFFERENT
NOW! HE HAS
US AGAIN!

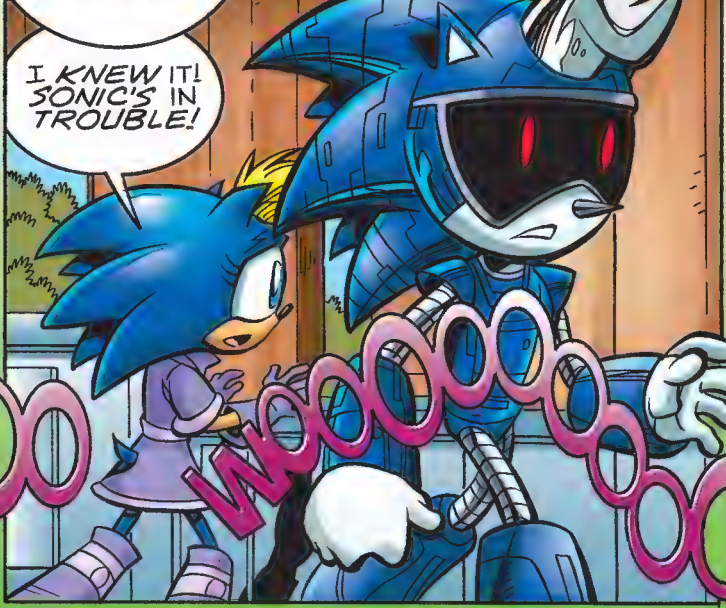
AND AS HIS
PARENTS, IT'S
OUR JOB TO
PROTECT
HIM!

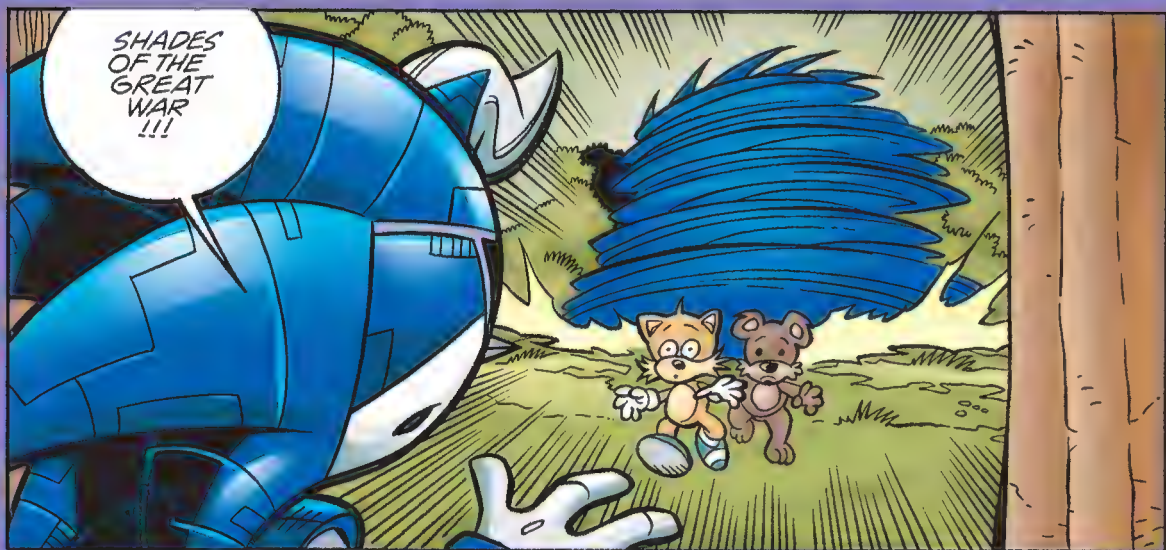
AGREED! BUT--
HE'S NOT THE
TODDLER WE
LEFT WITH CHARLES
YEARS AGO!



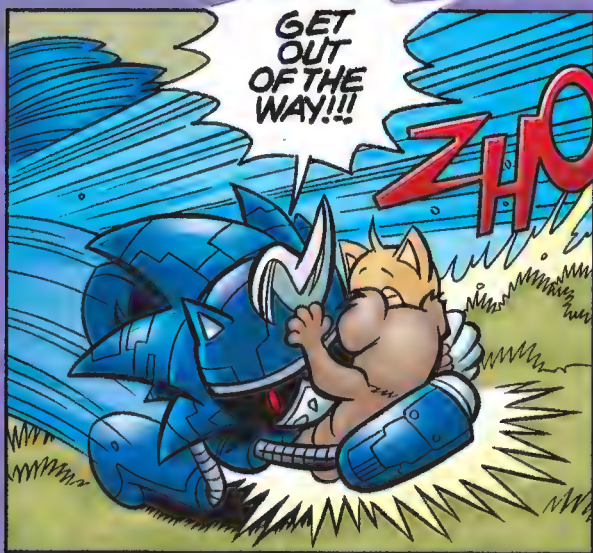
THE KNOTHOLE
EMERGENCY
WARNING
SYSTEM!

I KNEW IT!
SONIC'S IN
TROUBLE!



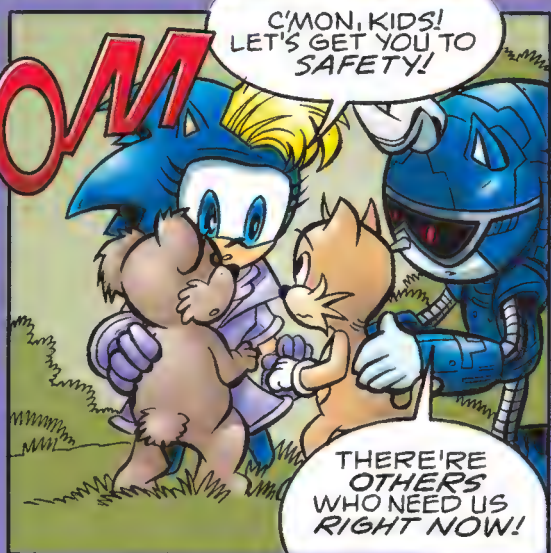


SHADES
OF THE
GREAT
WAR
!!!



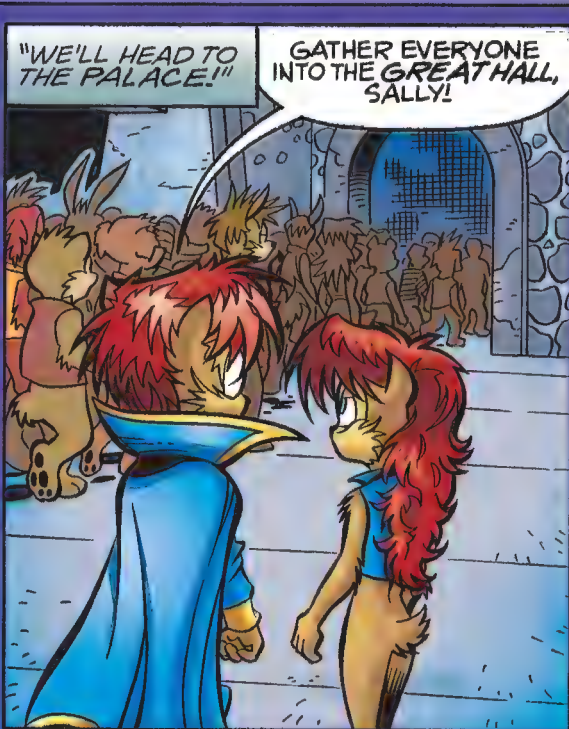
GET
OUT
OF THE
WAY!!!

ZOOM



C'MON, KIDS!
LET'S GET YOU TO
SAFETY!

THERE'RE
OTHERS
WHO NEED US
RIGHT NOW!



"WE'LL HEAD TO
THE PALACE!"

GATHER EVERYONE
INTO THE GREAT HALL,
SALLY!



-- SHOULD
KNOTHOLE
FALL!

PREPARE TO
LEAD THEM
TO THE SOUTH-
LANDS--

FALL?!?!

AFTER ALL WE'VE
STRUGGLED THROUGH
OVER THE YEARS---

"I FEAR THE ENEMY
THIS TIME IS FAR
GREATER THAN
ANY WE HAVE YET
FACED."

STAY
DOWN,
CHILD!

SONIC
WILL
SAVE
US!

THE BIG
QUESTION
IS--

--WHO'LL
SAVE
ME?!

THESE
GUYS PLAY
FOR KEEPS!

KRANG

K
L
O
N
G

ONE THING MY
UNC DIDN'T
PROGRAM
INTO YOU
'BOTS--

--IS
HOW TO BE
WAY PAST
COOL!

WHAM

HOPE!

KRAKTSH!

IF THAT
GIRL DIES,
SONIC--

--THEN
SO WILL
YOU!

...CONCLUDED
IN SONIC #159!
ON SALE 2/22/06!
PLUS, READ THE
NEW SONIC COMIC,
SONIC X #6
ON SALE 3/15/06!

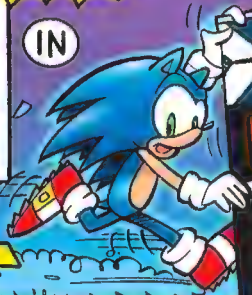
BECAUSE HUGH DEMANDED IT!!!*

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

OFF-PANEL

IN

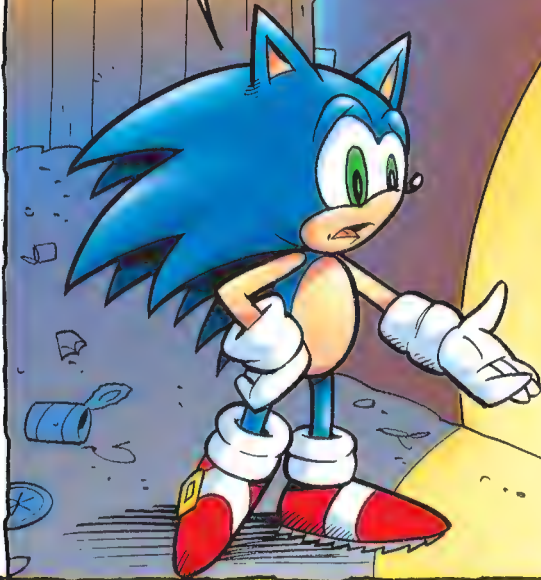


INSIDER TREADING

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MIKE PELLERITO: PRODUCER

YO, MP! WHAT'S UP WITH THE CLOAK AND DAGGER SCENARIO? WHY'D YOU HAVE ME MEET YOU IN THIS REMOTE, DARK ALLEY?

BECAUSE I--
AHEM! YOU HEARD HIM... THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A DARK ALLEY!



*HUGH IS THE GUY WHO REPAIRS OUR COPY MACHINE... BUT WE THOUGHT YOU'D ALSO LIKE TO SEE ANOTHER OFF-PANEL STORY!--MP

C'MON, ALREADY! CAN I GET A LITTLE CO-OPERATION FROM THE LIGHTING BOOTH? HELLO UP THERE!

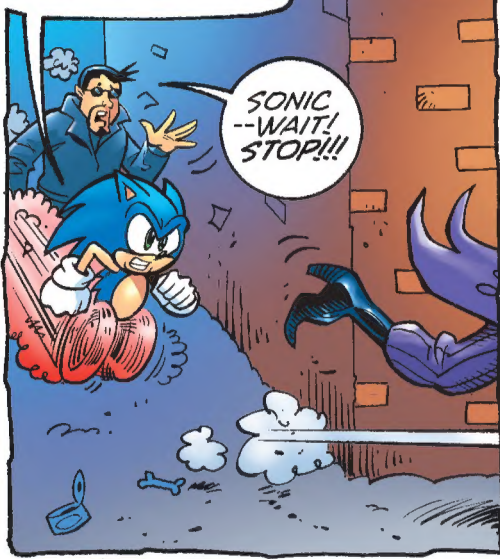
~CHORTLE~ THAT'S JUST THE FIRST OF YOUR DIRTY LITTLE SECRETS I PLAN TO SHINE A LIGHT ON!

HUH?... WHO?... OVER THERE!

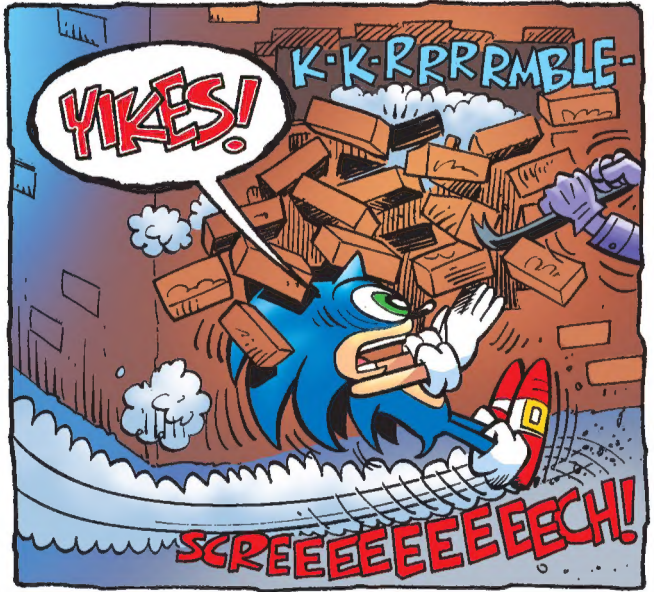
Snap-Snap-Snap!



COME BACK HERE!



SONIC
--WAIT!
STOP!!!



YIKES!

K-K-RRRRMBLE-

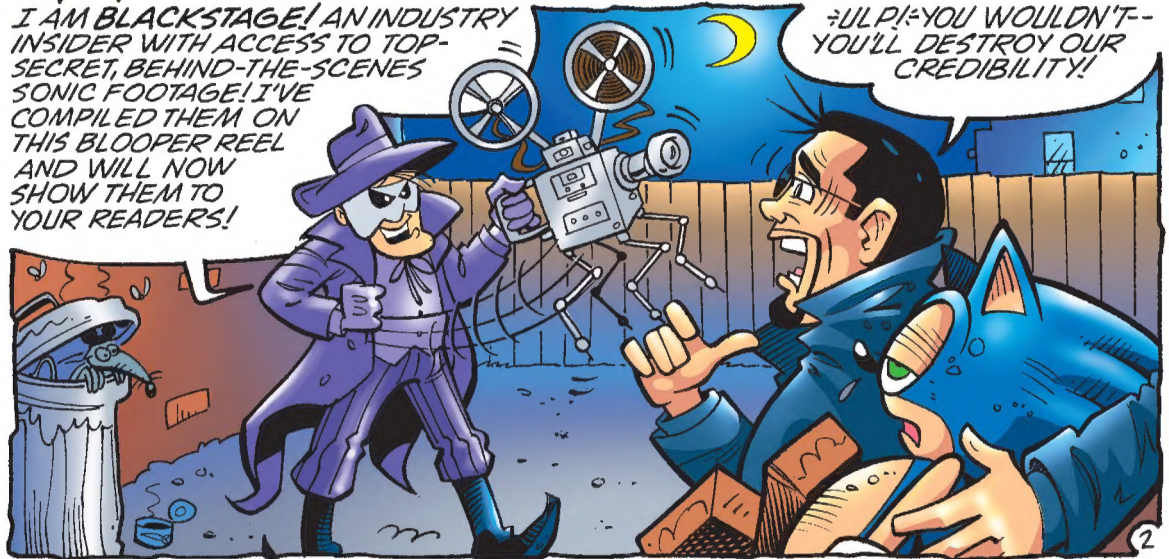
SCREEEEEEEECH!



Oooogah!
~gurgle~
...uh-unsigned...
~mumble~
...where's m-muh
d-duh-double?...

SHHH! DON'T
TRY TO---~GASP!~
--WHO ARE
YOU?!

I AM BLACKSTAGE! AN INDUSTRY
INSIDER WITH ACCESS TO TOP-
SECRET, BEHIND-THE-SCENES
SONIC FOOTAGE! I'VE
COMPILED THEM ON
THIS BLOOPER REEL
AND WILL NOW
SHOW THEM TO
YOUR READERS!

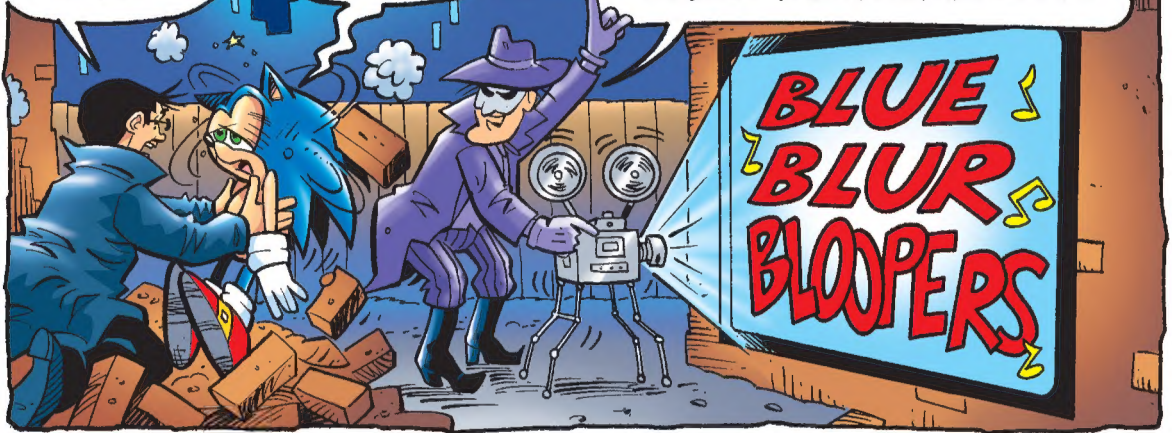


~ULP!~ YOU WOULDN'T--
YOU'LL DESTROY OUR
CREDIBILITY!

SONIC--GET UP!
TAKE HIM OUT
BEFORE THE
OUT-TAKES
DEBUT!

~SPUTTER!~
DAY-WHO?

TOO LATE! I NOW STRIP AWAY THIS
TITLE'S RESPECTABILITY BY EXPOSING
YEARS OF MANIPULATION AND DECEPTION!
SOON, ALL YOUR READERS WILL
DESERT YOU! HA HA HAAAAAA!

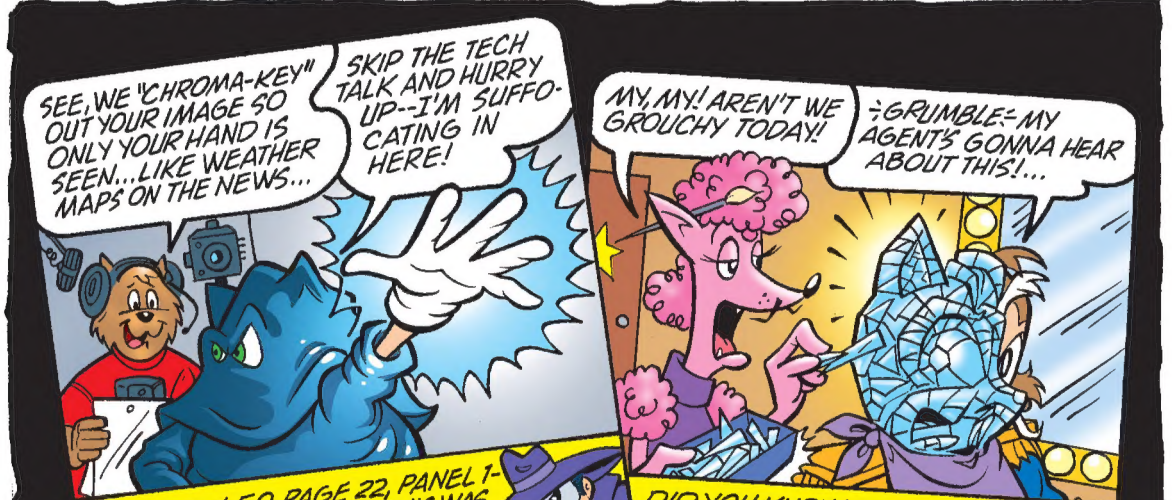


SEE, WE 'CHROMA-KEY'
OUT YOUR IMAGE SO
ONLY YOUR HAND IS
SEEN...LIKE WEATHER
MAPS ON THE NEWS...

SKIP THE TECH
TALK AND HURRY
UP--I'M SUFFO-
CATING IN
HERE!

MY, MY! AREN'T WE
GROUCHY TODAY!

~GRUMBLE~ MY
AGENT'S GONNA HEAR
ABOUT THIS!...



IN ISSUE # 50, PAGE 22, PANEL 1-
DID YOU REALLY THINK SONIC WAS
FREEING HIMSELF FROM THE
ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR? TSK-TSK!

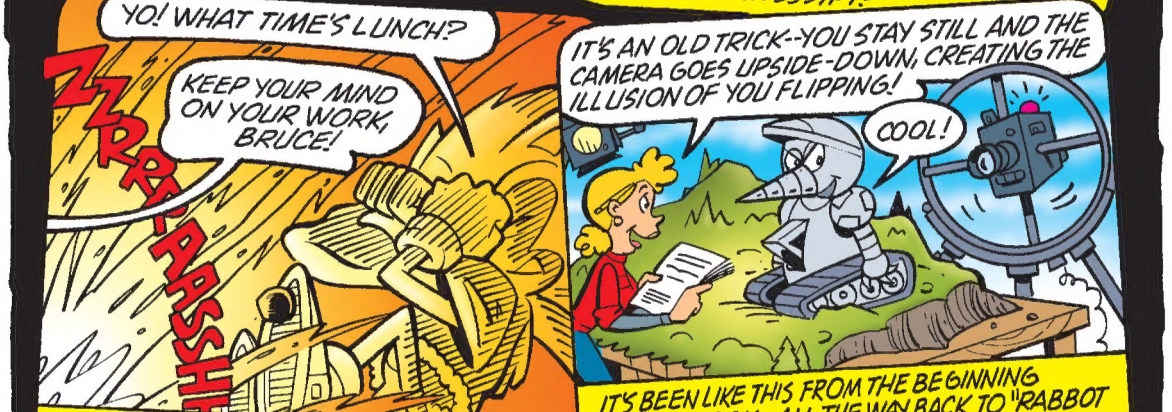
DID YOU KNOW THAT KING ACORN
HAD TO UNDERGO SIX HOURS OF
MAKEUP FOR HIS "CRYSTALLIZED"
APPEARANCES, LIKE THE ONE IN "RETURN
OF THE KING" IN 555#4.>

YO! WHAT TIME'S LUNCH?

KEEP YOUR MIND
ON YOUR WORK,
BRUCE!

IT'S AN OLD TRICK--YOU STAY STILL AND THE
CAMERA GOES UPSIDE-DOWN, CREATING THE
ILLUSION OF YOU FLIPPING!

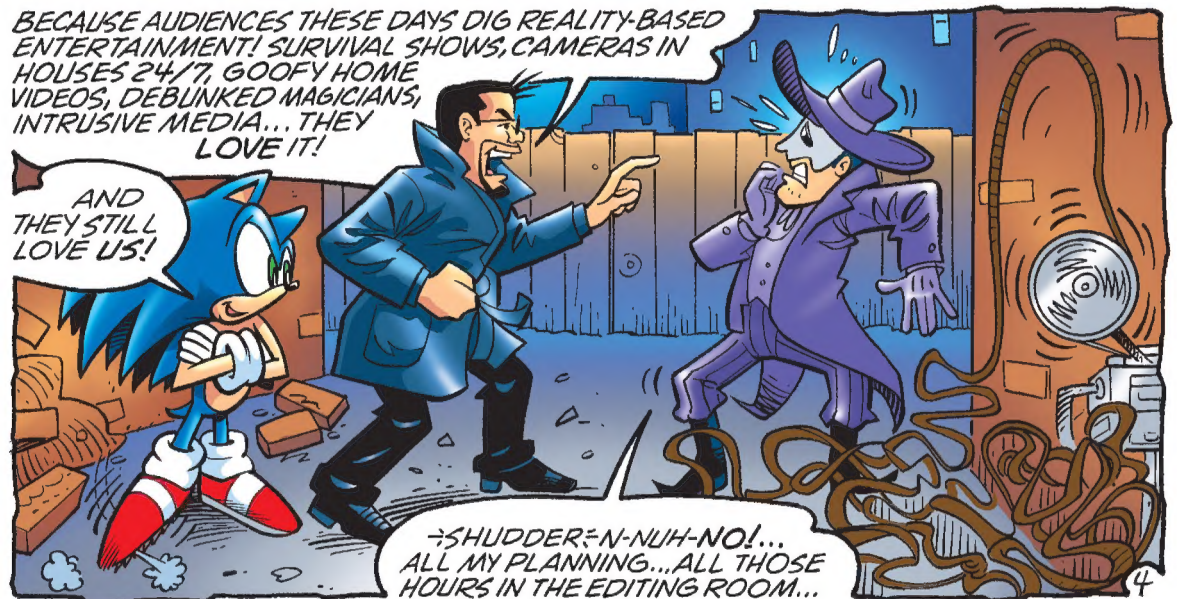
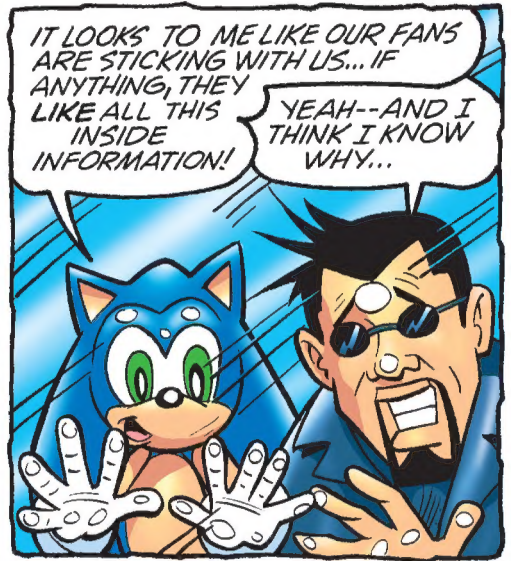
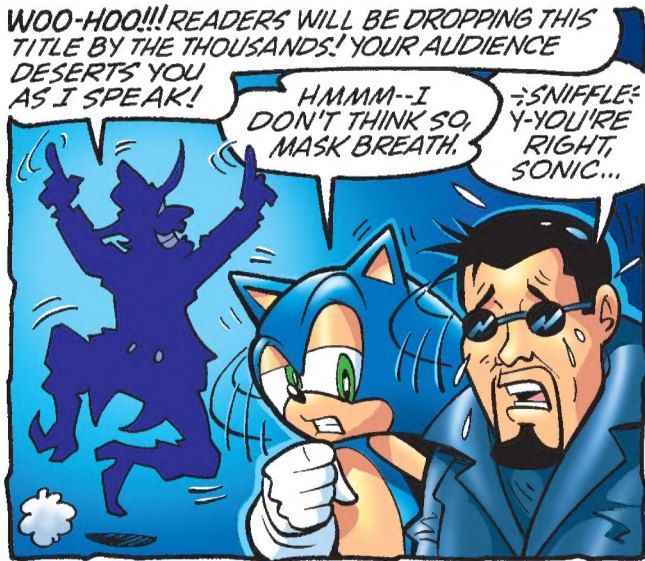
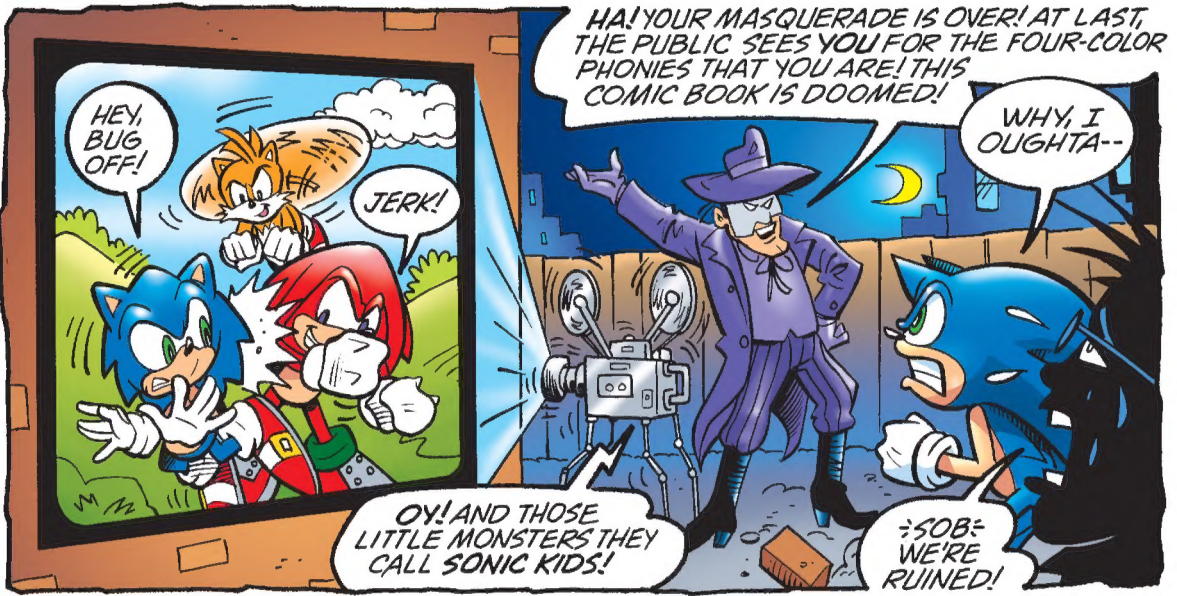
COOL!



AND DON'T GET ME STARTED ABOUT STUNT
DOUBLES! HERE'S ONE FROM "NAUGHS GAMES"
IN 555#15. GO THROUGH YOUR COLLECTION!--
THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!

IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS FROM THE BEGINNING
OF THIS BOOK...ALL THE WAY BACK TO "RABBIT
DEPLOYMENT" IN 55H#3!

REPRINTED IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG FIRSTS!
BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE!--MP (SORRY, JUST CAN'T
PASS UP ONE OF MY FAMOUS "SHAMELESS PLUGS")



YOU'RE TOAST, BLACK STAGE! THE ONLY QUESTION NOW IS HOW DO WE FINISH YOU OFF? LET'S SEE... AH, HERE'S ONE WE HAVEN'T USED YET-- HAVE YOU ROBOTICIZED INTO A "L ATRINE MAINTENANCE DRONE"!

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO TRY THAT MOVE WHERE I SPIN SOMEONE INTO THE GROUND NEXT TO A FIRE ANT MOUND...

HOMINA-HOMINA-HOMINA-

AHA! LET'S DO THIS ONE-- "INSTANT DE-FROCK"!!

YOU GOT IT, BOSS-MAN!

ZOOM!

EEEEEEK!

ZOOM!

GRAB!

YOU'D BETTER RUN! AND BE GRATEFUL THAT THIS IS A COMICS CODE BOOK... OR YOU'D BE REALLY EMBARRASSED!

AND SO ENDS THE THREAT OF BLACK-STAGE...

BUT I LIKE HIS OUTFIT...

I THINK I'LL SING A SELECTION FROM "PHANTOM"...

LISSSEN TO THE MYOOSIC OF THE NIIIIIIIGHT...

YEEESH! I'D BETTER ARRANGE TO DUB IN A DECENT VOICE FOR THIS FINAL SCENE...

Snap!

THE END